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**Title**

Needle-shaped ceramic body, needle-shaped ceramic catalyst body and method for producing same

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